

(b) whether it is also a fact that the passengers have to face numerous hardships and problems due to narrow and overcrowded air traffic route resulting in the aircrafts to stay in queue before taking off and hover over New Delhi for want of timely permission to land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the view point of Government and timeframe to streamline the system to ensure timely operation and landing of the aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, delay to flights is caused mainly due to bunching of flights at specific hours of the day mainly during peak morning and evening hours. Inadequate ground infrastructure at Delhi airport also contributes to flight delays.

(c) Various measures have been taken up to ensure timely operation of aircrafts at Delhi airport such as: construction of new high speed exit taxiways and a paralld taxi-track, simultaneous use of both runways, improved ATC procedures, establishment of Clearance Delivery Position, imposition of ban on general aviation aircraft during peak period, upgradation of ATC Automation system and operation of Surface Movement Radar. There are also proposals to instal Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) and construction of a new parallel runway (3d runway).

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Violation of guidelines in No-Fly zone

1329. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Civil Aviation Authorities are not performing their duty faithfully and properly;

(b) if so, the number of foreign civil aircrafts strayed into No-Fly zone over Prime Minister's residence and Rashtrapati Bhawan during the last six months;

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(c) the reasons for not giving proper guidance/instructions to such foreign pilots, and who are responsible for such negligence in performing their proper duty; and

(d) the action taken/to be taken for non repetition of such acts in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) During the last six months there was only one incident of violation of No-Fly Zone in which a Kuwait Airways Flight KAC-382 had flown over Rashtrapati Bhawan (VIP 89) on 13.11.2006.

(c) VIP 89, is a prohibited area published in the Aeronautical Information Publication India (AIP India). No aircraft is permitted to fly over this area. The incident occurred due to human error. Pilot of KAC-382 wrongfully took left turn instead of right and flew over prohibited area and the Approach Controller prematurely cancelled Standard Instrument Departure (SID) for this aircraft.

(d) Based on findings and recommendations of Investigation Report, Director General of Civil Aviation has taken up the matter with Kuwait Civil Aviation Authority for appropriate action against the pilot. Airports Authority of India has amended the Standard Operating Procedures and made it mandatory to issue normal ATC instructions/clearances regarding operation of radial etc, whenever SID is cancelled. The involved controller has been de-rostered and subjected to corrective training on SOPs, performance characteristic of the aircraft etc.

Creation of Airport Approval Commission

1330. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of requirement of new airports in various parts of the country, Government have considered setting up of an Airport Approval Commission for their approval;

(b) if so, by when such a Commission will be set up; and

(c) the details of objectives and functions of the Commission?